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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, XF, LE, IS

SUBJ: LEBANON, FEDAYEEN, AND ISRAEL

REF: BEIRUT 5740

1. WE SUPPORT EMBASSY BEIRUT'S SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THAT MOUNTING  
VIOLENCE BETWEEN LEBANON-BASED FEDAYEEN AND ISRAELIS BODES ILL

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FOR AREA TRANQUILLITY AND UNDERCUTS VOICES FOR MODERATION AND

THAT IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN BROAD CONTEXT WITH GOI. WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED WITH GOL.

2. SEEN FROM OUR VantagePOINT, IT MAY WELL BE CORRECT THAT NET SHORT-TERM EFFECT OF RECENT ISRAELI ATTACKS ON REFUGEE CAMPS AND OTHER TARGETS IN LEBANON AND GOI PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE TERRORISTS HAS BEEN TO INCREASE MILITANCY ON PART OF FEDAYEEN LEADERS, INCLUDING MORE MODERATE ONES (REFTEL). AT SAME TIME, IN CONSIDERING OUR APPROACHES TO GOI AND GOL ON CURRENT PHASE OF THIS OVERALL PROBLEM, WE BELIEVE IT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR CASE IF ONE BEARS IN MIND WITH RESPECT TO CAUSES AND EFFECTS THAT IT WAS ATROCITIES OF KIRYAT SHMONA AND MAALOT WHICH SET OFF CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENCE FOLLOWING PERIOD OF RELATIVE CALM.

3. IN DEVISING OUR PITCH TO ISRAELIS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST ARGUING THAT RECENT ISRAELI ATTACKS AGAINST TARGETS IN LEBANON HAVE ALMOST ALWAYS PRODUCED NO MILITARY RESULTS (REFTEL) BECAUSE ISRAELIS EVIDENTLY DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS THE CASE. ISRAELI MEDIA, IN REPORTING ON MAY 16 IAF RAIDS, CITED Wafa (FEDAYEEN NEWS AGENCY) AS ADMITTING THAT STRIKES HIT ARMED STRUGGLE COMMAND POST AT EIN EL-HILWEH REFUGEE CAMP NEAR SIDON. ALSO, MAY 18 GOI LETTER TO UNSC CLAIMED PDFLP HAD ANNOUNCED THAT ITS MILITARY BASES HAD BEEN HIT. ISRAELI MEDIA HAVE FURTHER CLAIMED THAT ISRAELI AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT PRECISION BOMBING OF MILITARY TARGETS INCLUDING PFLP TRAINING BASE 10 KMS SOUTH OF BEIRUT AND TERRORIST BASES NER NABATIYA, MAHRUNA, AND SIDON. TARGETS DESTROYED OR SEVERELY DAMAGED REPORTEDLY INCLUDED OFFICES, HEADQUARTERS, AND WORKSHOPS BELONGING TO FATAH, PFLP, AND PDFLP.

4. FURTHERMORE, ISRAELIS WILL TAKE HEART FROM SUCH DEVELOPMENTS AS APPEAL, ISSUED ACCORDING TO BEIRUT-DATELINED UPI REPORT OF MAY 22 BY SHEIKH SHAKRA, LEADER OF LEBANON'S 350,000-STRONG DRUZE COMMUNITY, THAT FEDAYEEN STAY AWAY FROM DRUZE VILLAGES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. IF REPORT IS ACCURATE, IT CAN ONLY REINFORCE ISRAELI VIEW THAT ATTACKS PRODUCE TANGIBLE RESULTS BOTH IN DESTROYING FEDAYEEN INSTALLATIONS AND IN ALIENATING LOCAL POPULATION FROM TERRORIST GROUPS.

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